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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 18 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Appointment of the Secretary-General

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 3

Action on draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items 60, 61, 63-81:

Agenda items [67] (A/51/113-S/1996/276, 117-S/1996/290, 216-S/1996/563, 286, A/C.1/51/L.28/Rev.2, L.54); [71] (A/51/27, 42, 60-S/1996/62, 69-S/1996/122, 72-S/1996/148, 77-S/1996/181, 127, 131, 136, 137, 139, 157, 159-S/1996/418, 163, 165-S/1996/435, 167, 169-S/1996/444, 174, 181, 188-S/1996/511, 207, 208-S/1996/543, 214, 218, 220, 224, 262, 266-S/1996/621, 279, 300, Add.1 and Add.2, 393, 452, 462-S/1996/831, 648-S/1996/900, A/C.1/51/7, 11, 12, 13, A/C.1/51/L.11/Rev.2, L.38/Rev.1, L.48/Rev.1, L.49, L.50, L.51, L.53); [72] (A/51/27, 60-S/1996/62, 69-S/1996/122, 72-S/1996/148, 77-S/1996/181, 137, 188-S/1996/511, 219, 274-S/1996/631, 287, 403, 445, 648-S/1996/900, A/C.1/51/L. 48/Rev.1, L.52); [74] (A/51/446, A/C.1/51/L.27/Rev.2)

Launching of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Flash Appeal for the Great Lakes Region in Response to the Crisis in Eastern Zaire

The launching by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Flash Appeal for the Great Lakes Region in Response to the Crisis in Eastern Zaire covering the period 1 November 1996 to 31 January 1997 will take place on Monday, 18 November 1996, at 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. 1 p.m.	15th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	16th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86] (A/51/98-S/1996/270, A/51/ 130, A/C.4/51/L.9 and L.10*)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. **Macroeconomic policy questions [94]**

   (a) External debt crisis and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.24

   (b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.26 and L.28

   (c) Trade and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.25

2. **Training and research [99]**

   (a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.27

3. **Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]**

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.29 and L.30

Informal consultations

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/ 51/L.14 (item 94 (d)), A/C.2/51/L.16 (item 94 (c)) and A/C.2/51/ L.18 (item 96 (f))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/ 51/L.13 (item 96 (a)), A/C.2/51/L.17 (item 96 (c)), A/C.2/51/ L.22 (item 96 (g)), A/C.2/51/L.23 (item 96), A/C.2/51/L.6 (item 97 (e)) and A/C.2/51/L.7 (item 97 (d))

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 1

1. **Human rights questions: [110] (A/53/3 (Parts I and II), A/ 51/81, A/51/87, A/51/90, A/51/114, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/210, A/51/462-S/1996/831, A/C.3/51/9)**

2. **Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/51/201, A/51/395, A/51/453 and Add.1, A/51/457, A/51/480, A/51/506, A/51/ 536*, A/51/539, A/51/542 and Add.1* and Add.2*, A/51/ 552*, A/51/555, A/51/558*, A/51/561, A/51/641, A/51/ 650, A/51/153, A/51/170, A/51/290, A/C.3/51/6)**

3. **Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/51/347, A/51/459, A/51/ 460, A/51/466*, A/51/478, A/51/479, A/51/481, A/51/483 and Add.1, A/51/490, A/51/496, A/51/507, A/51/538*, A/51/556, A/51/557*, A/51/651, A/51/657, A/51/660, A/ 51/663, A/51/665, A/51/483/Add.2, A/51/496/Add.1, A/51/ 80-S/1996/194, A/51/189, A/51/203-E/1996/86, A/51/ 204, A/51/271, A/51/532-S/1996/864, A/C.3/51/3, A/ C.3/ 51/8, A/C.3/51/10, A/C.3/51/11, A/C.3/51/12, A/C.3/51/ 13*)**

4. **Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)] (A/51/36)**

5. **Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/51/36)**

   Continuation of general discussion

   Introduction of reports of the Special Representatives and Special Rapporteurs

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. **Human rights questions: [110] (A/53/3 (Parts I and II), A/ 51/81, A/51/87, A/51/90, A/51/114, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/210, A/51/462-S/1996/831, A/C.3/51/9)**

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* Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Second Committee.

* To be issued.

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/51/201, A/51/395, A/51/453 and Add.1, A/51/457, A/51/480, A/51/506, A/51/536*, A/51/539, A/51/542 and Add.1* and Add.2*, A/51/552*, A/51/555, A/51/558*, A/51/561, A/51/641, A/51/650, A/51/153, A/51/170, A/51/290, A/C.3/51/6)

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/51/347, A/51/459, A/51/460, A/51/466*, A/51/478, A/51/479, A/51/481, A/51/483 and Add.1, A/51/490, A/51/496, A/51/507, A/51/538*, A/51/556, A/51/557*, A/51/651, A/51/657, A/51/660, A/51/663, A/51/665, A/51/483/Add.2, A/51/496/Add.1, A/51/80-S/1996/194, A/51/189, A/51/203-E/1996/86, A/51/204, A/51/271, A/51/532-S/1996/864, A/C.3/51/3, A/C.3/51/8, A/C.3/51/10, A/C.3/51/11, A/C.3/51/12, A/C.3/51/13*)

4. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)] (A/51/36)

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/51/36)

Continuation of general discussion

6. Advancement of Women [103]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.17/Rev.1, L.19 and L.21**

7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.31

8. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.30

9. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.23 and L.27

10. Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.25

11. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.32

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Human rsources magement (A/C.5/49/63, A/C.5/49/64, A/C.5/50/64, A/C.5/51/1, A/C.5/51/3, A/C.5/51/6, A/C.5/51/7, A/51/304 and Corr.1 and A/51/421 and Corr.1))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/32, A/51/125, A/51/253, A/51/268 and Corr.1, A/51/337 and A/C.5/51/22))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 2

United Nations Decade of International Law [145] (A/51/278 and Add.1, A/C.6/51/L.6)

WORKING GROUP ON THE QUESTION CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER RELATED TO THE ASSISTANCE TO THIRD STATES AFFECTED BY THE APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER

Afternoon*	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Afternoon**-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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* Following the adjournment of the 43rd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group on the Question Concerning the Implementation of the Provisions of the Charter related to the Assistance to Third States Affected by the Application of Sanctions under Chapter VII of the Charter.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its organizational and substantive sessions of 1996

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 18 November 1996

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: for the core group on the draft resolution on Habitat)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(Third Committee matters: on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE: CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: briefing by the Coordinator on draft resolutions: culture and development)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: coordination meeting on all outstanding resolutions under negotiation)

6 p.m.- 7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Briefings

The New York City Chief of Police, Commissioner Howard Safir, will address delegations in an open meeting on matters concerning the United Nations diplomatic community on Monday, 18 November 1996, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The briefing will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

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The Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights in Cambodia, Mr. Thomas Hammarberg, will hold a briefing for non-governmental organizations on current developments in the country on Monday, 18 November 1996, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room B. Representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 19 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 59th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Reponsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the third annual report of the International Tribunal (A/51/292-S/1996/665) [50].

2. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [40]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/338);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.18).

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [30]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/380 and Add.1);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.8).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The 178th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Tuesday, 19 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The list of speakers for the general debate (scheduled for 25 and 26 November 1996) of the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction, to be held in Geneva (from 25 November to 6 December 1996) is open for inscription.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the BWC (Mr. Sola Ogunbanwo, Provisional Secretary-General of the Review Conference, BWC Secretariat, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland (tel. : 022-9173644, fax: 022-9170296, room A-598)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmed Kamal, Permanent Representative of Pakistan, on Tuesday, 19 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a Meeting of States Signatories of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty on Tuesday, 19 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to adopt a resolution on the "Text on the Establishment of a Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization" (document CTBT/MSS/L.1 of 17 October 1996). Representatives of States Signatories of the Treaty are reminded that credentials in due form signed by the head of State or Government, the foreign minister or other authority responsible for foreign affairs should be forwarded to the Centre for Disarmament Affairs (room 3170C) as soon as possible.

The first session of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization will take place from 20 to 22 November 1996 at United Nations Headquarters. The opening meeting will begin on Wednesday, 20 November 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Representatives of States Signatories of the Treaty are reminded that credentials in due form signed by the head of State or Government, the foreign minister or other authority responsible for foreign affairs should be forwarded to the Centre for Disarmament Affairs (Room 3170C) as soon as possible.

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The Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights in Cambodia, Mr. Thomas Hammarberg, will hold a briefing for delegations of Member States on Tuesday, 19 November 1996, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Presentation

A presentation and discussion on "Caring for the Future: A Radical Agenda for Positive Change", organized by the Office of Development Studies of the United Nations Development Programme and the Society for International Development (New York Chapter), will take place on Tuesday, 19 November 1996, at 5.30 p.m. in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (located on the 21st floor of DC1 Building). Mr. Anders Wijkman, Member of the Independent Commission on Population and Quality of Life, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (BPPS) of UNDP, will be the speaker.

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Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m.* on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of November, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 14 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

The Committee continued its general discussion of agenda sub-item 110 (a).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Nepal, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Chile, China, Slovenia and Sri Lanka.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of sub-item 110 (a).

38th meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(b) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(c) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement.

Members of the Committee engaged in a dialogue with the High Commissioner.

Statements were made by the representatives of Latvia, the Russian Federation, Côte d'Ivoire, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Poland, Tunisia, South Africa, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, Estonia, Mexico, China, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Venezuela, Mali and Malaysia.

In the general debate, statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Georgia and Cape Verde.

The representatives of the Sudan and Australia made statements in the exercise of their right of reply.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 105.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.16

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

It was announced that the Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Togo, Tunisia and France had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Secretary made a statement.

The representative of Jordan introduced an oral revision to the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.24

The Chairman announced that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Argentina, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Japan, Madagascar, Namibia, Peru, San Marino, South Africa, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo and Zambia had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.28

The Chairman announced that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Togo had joined as a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1996

55th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Council continued consideration of the item and had before it document E/1996/94.

The Council endorsed the decision by the Secretary-General to approve the applications of Australia and Spain for full membership in the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

Coordination questions [9]

(a) Reports of the Coordination bodies

Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields [11]

The Council took note of the report contained in document E/1996/18 and Add.1 and the relevant parts of the report contained in document A/51/16 (Part II), thus concluding its consideration of agenda item 9 (a) and item 9 as a whole, and agenda item 11.

Non-governmental organizations [10]

The Council resumed consideration of the item and had before it documents E/1996/102 and E/1996/L.55.

Action on draft decision I

The Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Karel Kovanda (Czech Republic), informed the Council of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft decision and orally amended the text.

Before the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Tunisia, the United States and Cuba.

The Council then adopted the draft decision, after which the representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

Action on draft decision II

The representative of Japan corrected the spelling of the organization called the Sasagawa Peace Foundation.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Cuba.

The Council then adopted the draft decision.

Action on draft decision III

Action on the draft decision was postponed to the next meeting of the Council.

Action on draft decision E/1996/L.55

The representative of the Bahamas introduced and orally revised the draft decision contained in document E/1996/L.55, entitled "Participation of non-governmental organizations accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-first session".

The Director of the Division for Policy Coordination and Economic and Social Council Affairs of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development (DPCSD) made a statement.

The Council then adopted the draft decision, as orally revised.

Other matters

The President informed the Council that the Government of Liechtenstein had recommended that the provisional status of L'Auravetl'an Foundation be removed and that the Foundation be considered as fully accredited to the Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration on the rights of indigenous people from organizations of indigenous people not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

The Council then adopted the recommendation.

Change of dates for the 1997 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Council approved the request of the Committee to change the date of the 1997 session of the Committee to 5-16 May 1997. The President informed the Council that this change of date had been approved by Conference Services.

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Elections [14]

The Council began consideration of agenda item 14.

Committee on New and Renewable Source of Energy and on Energy for Development

The Council had before it document E/1996/L.15/Add.2.

The Council elected by acclamation Mr. José María Gamio Cia (Uruguay) to serve on the Committee for a term beginning on 1 January 1997.

The President reminded the Council that the terms of the members would be determined by lot when the membership of the Committee was complete.

Commission for Social Development

The Council had before it document E/1996/95 and Corr.1.

The Council elected by acclamation the following 7 new members of the Commission for Social development: Cameroon, Gambia, Malta, Mauritania, Pakistan, Spain and Uganda.

The Council postponed to a later date, the election of the remaining 7 new members of the Commission: three members from the Asian States Group, 1 member from the Eastern European States Group and three members from the Latin American and Caribbean States Group.

Statements were made by the representatives of Lebanon and Pakistan.

Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [13]

The President informed the Council that this agenda item would be considered at the next meeting.

Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: follow-up to general Assembly resolution 50/106 [6]

(i) Business and development

The Council continued consideration of the item and had before it documents E/1996/106, E/1996/L.26/Rev.1 and E/1996/L.56.

The President informed the Council that document E/1996/L.26/Rev.2 would be available for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

Friday, 15 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3712th meeting

The situation in Croatia

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (S/1996/883)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Croatia, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1996/938) which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1996/938).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1996/938) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1079 (1996).

3713th meeting

The situation in Great Lakes region

Letter dated 14 November 1996 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1996/941)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Congo, Denmark, Finland, Gabon, Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Mali, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Rwanda, Spain, Sweden and Zaire, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution, contained in document S/1996/943, which had been submitted by Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Congo, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Mali, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Zaire.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Zaire, Rwanda, Burundi and Canada.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1996/943).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of France, the United Kingdom, China, Botswana, Germany, the Republic of Korea, Egypt, Guinea-Bissau, Poland, Honduras, Italy, Chile, the Russian Federation and the United States, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Indonesia.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1996/943) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1080 (1996).

Subsequently, the President read out a letter from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council to be issued as document S/1996/949.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 24th meeting

Action on draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items

The Committee continued the fourth phase of its work, namely, action on draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items.

The Director of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

Statements were made by the representative of Egypt (who introduced the revised text of draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.27/Rev.1 and L.28/Rev.2), Israel, Turkey and Cuba.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.3 was adopted by a recorded vote of 142 to none, with 2 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of India, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba and Pakistan.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.15 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of position after the decision, a statement was made by the representative of China.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.1/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 144 to none, with 2 abstentions.

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, the United States, Turkey, Chile, Paraguay, Mauritius and Kyrgyzstan.

Statements were made by the representative of Mexico (who introduced draft decision A/C.1/51/L.7).

Draft decision A/C.1/51/L.7 was adopted by a recorded vote of 92 to none, with 53 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.38/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of position after the decision, statements were made by the representatives of China, the United States, Mexico and Egypt.

Statements were made by the representatives of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Mexico and China.

Draft decision A/C.1/51/L.22 was adopted by a recorded vote of 95 to none, with 51 abstentions.

In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Ukraine.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.42/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 137 to none, with 7 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Liechtenstein, Chile, Algeria, Uganda, Iraq, Colombia and Costa Rica.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, France, Algeria, Poland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Colombia and Nigeria.

The Committee decided to extend the deadline for submission of draft resolutions under agenda item 62 until Wednesday, 20 November, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 39th and 40th meetings

Note: The summary of the 39th and 40th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/225).

SIXTH COMMITTEE 41st and 42nd meetings

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-eighth session [146]

Statements were made by the representatives of the following countries: Argentina, Viet Nam, Algeria, Ireland, Israel, United States, Uruguay, Sri Lanka, China, Italy, Republic of Korea, Cuba, India and Mexico, as well as by the observer for Switzerland.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission also made a statement.

The Chairman also spoke.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 224th meeting

The Committee welcomed the decision of the Government of South Africa to participate in the Committee as an observer.

Statements were made by the Chairman and the representative of South Africa.

Statements were also made by the Permanent Observer of Palestine and the representatives of Afghanistan and Tunisia.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly (A/AC.183/1996/CRP.2)

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the draft report of the Committee.

The representative of the Department of Public Information made a statement.

Statements were also made by the Permanent Observer of Palestine, as well as the representatives of Egypt and Tunisia.

The Committee adopted its annual report for submission to the General Assembly.

Other matters

The Chairman and the Permanent Observer of Palestine made statements.

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International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 1996

270th and 271st (closed) meetings

Consideration of information received under article 20 of the Convention [5]

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Commission continued its consideration of the items in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, concluded at Vienna on 20 December 1988

Ratification: Hungary (15 November 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documentation.

International Sugar Agreement, concluded at Geneva on 20 March 1992

Accession: Philippines (14 November 1996)*

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994, concluded at Geneva on 26 January 1994

Acceptance: United States of America (14 November 1996)*

International Grains Agreement, 1995,

(a) Grains Trade Convention, 1995, concluded in London on 7 December 1994

Accession: South Africa (14 November 1996)*

Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance, done at New York on 20 June 1956

Accession: Belarus (14 November 1996)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 September 1996

Signature: Kenya (14 November 1996)

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Union

There will be an extraordinary general meeting of the Staff Union on Monday, 18 November 1996, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Cameroon
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Mpay
Chargé d'affaires

Asian States:
Lebanon
H.E. Mr. Samir Moubarak

Eastern European States:
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
H.E. Mr. Denko Maleski

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Jamaica
H.E. Miss M. Patricia Durrant

Western European and Other States:
Belgium
H.E. Mr. Alex Reyn

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